



2015 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin Goes On Sale On Dec. 3

December 3, 2015

WASHINGTON – The United States Mint announced today that it would begin sales of the 2015 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin (*product code PM8*) on Dec. 3, 2015, at noon Eastern Time (ET). The mintage level of the 2015 coin is 4,000.

This year, the United States Mint is launching a new two-year series titled *Torches of Liberty* featuring coins with modern, innovative reverse (tails side) designs that are representative of our nation's core values of liberty and freedom.

The 2015 coin's reverse was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program artist Joel Iskowitz and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Phebe Hemphill. The design, titled "Liberty Nurtures Freedom," depicts Liberty and an American bald eagle, representing Freedom. The earth and sun with rays are in the foreground. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "1 OZ.," ".9995 PLATINUM," and "\$100."

The 2015 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin is currently priced at \$1,200.00. However, as with all products sold by the United States Mint containing precious metals, this price is subject to change.

Orders will be accepted at <http://catalog.usmint.gov/coin-programs/american-eagle-coins/> and at 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468), while hearing- and speech-impaired customers with TTY equipment may order at 1-888-321-MINT. Information on shipping options is available at catalog.usmint.gov/customer-service/shipping.html.

In addition, the United States Mint announced that it will not produce 2015 Platinum Bullion coins this calendar year due to a lag in obtaining a sufficient quantity of production platinum blanks.

The United States Mint sold 16,900 platinum bullion coins in 2014, the first time the coins had been offered since 2008. As the program moved forward to 2015, the United States Mint began the process of expanding its supply base for platinum, completing trial strike testing and full production validation with a new supplier. These steps were completed in late October, and United States Mint officials decided to use the available blanks for the 2015 *Torches of Liberty* Proof Coin Program instead of the platinum bullion program. The United States Mint looks forward to resuming platinum bullion production at its West Point facility as additional blanks become available in 2016.

About the United States Mint

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Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on-sale date and time of Dec. 3, 2015, noon ET shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored.

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